

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT[641]

Adopted and Filed

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 105.4, the Plumbing and Mechanical Systems Board hereby amends Chapter 25, "State Plumbing Code," Iowa Administrative Code.

The rules in Chapter 25 describe the minimum standards for plumbing materials and plumbing methods in buildings and on premises in Iowa. These amendments change the statutory reference from Iowa Code chapter 135 to chapter 105. The model code adopted by reference is changed from the Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC), 2000 Edition, to the Uniform Plumbing Code, 2009 Edition. Sections of the UPC previously excluded are now included by reference. Several amendments to the UPC from the previous rules have been eliminated. The table of required plumbing fixtures from the UPC was replaced by a similar table from the International Plumbing Code, 2009 Edition.

Notice of Intended Action was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on April 21, 2010, as **ARC 8703B**. A public hearing was held on May 11, 2010.

Written comments were received from the Iowa League of Cities and the City of Dubuque objecting to the deletion from rule 641—25.1(135) of a paragraph referencing local ordinances and Iowa Code section 364.3. The Board concluded that the authority provided to cities under Iowa Code chapter 364 is not affected by the language's being included or not included in rule 641—25.1(105).

Plumbing inspectors employed by the City of Des Moines recommended the retention of three technical amendments from the previous rule and suggested that UPC storm drainage provisions adopted for the first time with these rules would require licensing of foundation contractors that typically install subsoil drainage. The Board concluded that the additional amendments were unnecessary and that licensure requirements are governed by Iowa Code chapter 105, not provisions of the UPC.

These amendments are identical to the amendments published under Notice of Intended Action.

The Plumbing and Mechanical Systems Board adopted these amendments on May 26, 2010.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 105.

These amendments will become effective July 21, 2010.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Pursuant to recommendation of the Administrative Rules Review Committee published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin, September 10, 1986, the text of these amendments [25.1 to 25.5] is being omitted. These amendments are identical to those published under Notice as **ARC 8703B**, IAB 4/21/10.

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